REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted as a supplement to the response filed June 17, 2004. In the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include subject matter that was inadvertently deleted from the claim in the June 17, 2004 response. The present Amendment introduces no new matter, and thus, its entry is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and those presented in the Amendment filed June 17, 2004, Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejections set forth in the December 17, 2003 Office Action have been fully overcome and that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it is deemed to expedite allowance of the application.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Amendment. If, however, any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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